

**Virginia Workforce Council
Capital One Services, Inc.
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September 13, 2005
Minutes**

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of the Minutes: Chair Marjorie Connelly

Chair Connelly called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The public comment period at 2:15 p.m. was announced. Speakers were asked to limit comments to 3 minutes and a written copy of comments is required.

Roll Call – Members Present

Marjorie Connelly, Chair	Daniel LeBlanc
Michael Daniels, Vice Chair	Hiawatha Nicely
Mark Dreyfus	Honorable Don (Robin) Sullenberger
Dr. Glenn DuBois	James Underwood
C. Michael Ferraro	Honorable Horace P. Webb
Richard Gonzalez	Andrea Wooten
Secretary Peter Blake	

The minutes of the June 8, 2005, meeting was not approved, as there was not a quorum present. Chair Connelly welcomed to the Council Secretary Peter Blake

II. Middle College-Dr. Glenn DuBois, Chancellor, Va. Comm. Col. System (VCCS)

Dr. Glen DuBois presented to the Council a report on the status and progress of the Middle College initiative funded by the WIA 15% statewide funds and state funds. Two middle colleges have been added to the program, New River Community College and Germanna Community College. Since middle college started 647 applications have been received; 310 students enrolled in the program; 73 percent have achieved a GED and of that percent, 76 percent have enrolled in college. 57 percent have completed certificate programs.

III. Department of Social Services Workforce Training Programs-Duke Storen, Benefits Programs Director, Va. Dept. of Social Services (DSS)

Duke Storen presented to the Council an overview of each DSS workforce training program, their funding and results, challenges, successes and ways for the Council to help the workforce system work better for DSS programs.

IV. Advantage Virginia Incentive Program (AVIP)-Shanee Harmon, Staff

Shanee Harmon presented to the Council for approval information on qualified demand occupations and degree areas for the AVIP.

V. Public Comment-Marjorie Connelly, Chair

Joe Ashley from the Department of Rehabilitative Services made a public comment regarding Property Agreement Disability Program, Navigator Initiative.

VI. Virginia Workforce Network Marketing Contract-Shanee Harmon

The Council was informed of the major products of the VWN marketing contract, including Workforce Development Month. Workforce Development Month will be celebrated in October.

VII. WIA Waivers Granted to Virginia-Willie Blanton, State WIA Director, VEC

Council was informed of the recent WIA Waivers granted to Virginia by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Waiver #1 - Increase local transfer authority to dislocated worker funds from 20% to 100%;

Waiver #2 - Local Incumbent Worker Training – Local areas may now request to use up to 25% of their funds for incumbent worker training;

Waiver #3 - Permission to use ITA for older and out-of-school;

Waiver #4 - Ability to use WIA funds for certain economic development activities;

Waiver #5 - CRC and GED as a WIA credential without the individual needing to go into training;

Waiver #6 – Options for the State to recapture unspent local funds at the end of the first program year.

IX. 2004 Funding Summary-Gail Robinson, Staff

Council received an overview of the state's workforce training program (FY 2004 Funding Chart).

X. Economic & Workforce Development Grants & Open Forum-Gail Robinson, Staff

Council was informed of the status of two Council-initiated economic and workforce development collaboration efforts.

XI. 2005 Revised Council Strategic Plan-Chair Connelly

Council discussed approval of the revisions to its Strategic Plan.

XII. Committee & Task Force Reports-Chair Connelly

Council was informed of the status of Committee and Task Force activities

XIV. Meeting Adjournment

Chair Connelly brought the meeting to a close. Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.